## Second-Party Corroboration of Paul Cain and Chuck Smith's Relationship

Beyond Paul Cain's own YouTube testimony affirming his prior relationship with Pastor Chuck Smith, there is indeed second-party corroboration of their association, though the documentation varies in its level of detail and verification.

### Wikipedia and Published Sources

Multiple published sources independently confirm the relationship. Chuck Smith's Wikipedia entry states that "in the late 1950s, Smith was the campaign manager and worship director for healing evangelist Paul Cain". This information appears in numerous biographical resources about Smith, including commentaries attributed to him and various ministry websites. These sources cite this as an established historical fact about Smith's ministry career before he founded Calvary Chapel.[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]

### Eyewitness Account from Michael Newnham

A significant piece of corroboration comes from Michael Newnham, founder of the Phoenix Preacher blog, who provides firsthand testimony. Newnham wrote: "I was with Chuck when Paul Cain came to confront Chuck for telling someone that Paul was a homosexual (which at that time Paul denied.) Chuck was very gracious and apologized to Paul and prayed with him". This eyewitness account confirms not only their relationship but also that they maintained contact into later years, demonstrating an ongoing association beyond the 1950s.[10]

### Historical Documentation

Researchers have uncovered newspaper evidence of Paul Cain's healing campaigns in Arizona during the period when Chuck Smith was pastoring there. The Phoenix Arizona Republic from May 19, 1956, advertises Paul Cain conducting revival meetings at Sciot's Auditorium in Phoenix. While this specific advertisement doesn't mention Chuck Smith by name, it places Cain in the exact geographic area and timeframe where Smith was serving as a Foursquare pastor in Arizona (Smith pastored in Prescott beginning in 1948, then Tucson for about two and a half years).[11] [2] [4]

### Connection Through the Healing Revival Movement

Both men are documented as participants in the post-WWII Healing Revival movement (1947-1958). Paul Cain was recognized as one of the prominent figures in this movement, working alongside William Branham. Chuck Smith's involvement with this movement through his work with Cain places him within this broader documented historical context.[12] [13] [14] [15]

## Challenges to the Historical Record

Interestingly, some researchers have noted that references to this relationship have been "wiped" or removed from certain sources. Newnham observed: "The Paul Cain entry on Wikipedia has been wiped of the fact that Chuck Smith was his campaign manager back before Smith took over CC. Chuck Smith's Wikipedia entry is also wiped of his history with Paul Cain". However, as of current Wikipedia entries, the information has been restored and does appear.[1] [10]

## Limitations and Cautions

While there is corroboration, some details remain contested or unclear. One researcher investigating Cain's claims noted that Cain's own recollections contain inconsistencies, such as confusing geographic locations (mentioning San Bernardino when describing events near the Pacific Ocean) or mixing up timeframes. Chuck Smith's own autobiography reportedly does not mention Paul Cain or working as his campaign manager, which some view as a significant omission.[11]

The relationship is also complicated by the fact that Cain later was exposed in 2004 for alcoholism and homosexuality, and had connections to controversial theological movements like the Latter Rain movement and teachings associated with William Branham.[16] [17] [14] [18]

## Conclusion

Yes, there is substantial second-party corroboration beyond Paul Cain's YouTube testimony. This includes: (1) published biographical sources about Chuck Smith that independently state the relationship; (2) eyewitness testimony from Michael Newnham who personally observed them together; and (3) historical newspaper documentation placing Cain in Arizona during the period Smith served there. While Smith's own autobiography apparently omits mention of this relationship, the convergence of multiple independent sources provides credible corroboration that Chuck Smith did work with Paul Cain as campaign manager and worship director during the late 1950s healing revival era.[3] [6] [7] [10] [1] [11]

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